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## **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE RECOGNIZES SENATOR GREGG AS "CHAMPION OF CHILDREN"**

*NCA bestows award for contribution to abused and abducted children*

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) will be honored this evening by the National Children's Alliance as a "Champion of Children", its annual award bestowed on those who make significant contributions to the lives of our nation's youth. Senator Gregg will be recognized for initiating and coordinating legislation, as well as securing significant federal funding, for programs such as Child Advocacy Centers, the creation of the "Cybertipline" which allows parents and kids to report on-line crimes, and work being done by the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. Senator Gregg is Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice and Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. Others who will be honored at this evening's event in Washington are Olympic Gold-medalist Picabo Street, President and CEO of Freddie Mac Maxine B. Baker and U.S. Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE).

Senator Gregg stated, "Childhood and adolescence can be a wonderful time for discovery and exploration. However, there are significant dangers in our society that prey on the innocence of children and it is crucial that as adults we work to eliminate these problems before they arise. For instance, the Internet can be a vital learning resource for children, and technological advancements have brought millions of American families on-line in their own homes. However, without proper supervision and oversight, children can fall victim to those seeking to prey on their innocence. That is why I have sought to increase funding for the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire as well as the Cybertipline. Both programs work with parents and their children, as well as law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level, to keep children safe from harm while using the Internet.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the National Children's Alliance for my work in Congress to keep the children of New Hampshire and the nation safe. The NCA does tremendous work providing assistance and advocacy at all levels to help protect our nation's most important asset -- our children."

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Since 1997, Senator Gregg has secured \$8.85 million for the Crimes Against Children Research Center at UNH. The mission of the Center is to combat crimes against children by providing high quality research and statistics to the public, policy makers, law enforcement personnel, and other child welfare practitioners. CCRC is concerned with research about the nature of crimes including child abduction, homicide, rape, assault, and physical and sexual abuse as well as their impact.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice, Senator Gregg was instrumental in increasing funding for victims of child abuse by \$4 million to \$11 million nationwide. Senator Gregg was on hand at the ceremonial ribbon-cutting to mark the opening of the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County's Derry office in April. The increase in federal funding nationwide lead to \$70,000 in federal funds for the Rockingham County Center. CAC's bring together law enforcement agencies, child protective services, and medical and mental health professionals to one location to investigate cases of severe child abuse. The Derry location is intended to complement the Child Advocacy's Portsmouth office to better serve the western portion of Rockingham County, which has provided no-cost support to 700 children and their families.

Senator Gregg has continued to aggressively fund the FBI's Innocent Images program and was instrumental in the creation of the "Cybertipline" (1-800-843-5678), a source for parents and kids to report on-line crimes against children. Senator Gregg was honored in 2002 by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children at its first annual "Hope Awards" dinner. NCMEC presented the Congressional Leadership Award to Senator Gregg for his continued support of programs designed to keep children safe.

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